PREFACE.

The Dasara Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly for 1920-21 was held in the Durbar Hall of the Public Offices at Mysore beginning on Monday the 25th October 1920, under the presidency of the Dewan, Rajaseva Dhurina Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs, B.A., C.S.I.

2. The tenure of office of the members deputed by Municipal Councils, District Boards and Recognised Associations was made co-terminous with that of the members returned from the Taluk electorates, in Government Order No. G. 3389/R. A. 8-19-21, dated 11th August 1920.

Provision was also made in G. O. No. G. 3380/R. A. 8-19-20, dated 11th August 1920, for bye-elections in the case of vacancies caused by the death or otherwise of a member elected and deputed to the Assembly during his term of office.

3. The number of electorates, the number of seats for which members had to be returned and the members actually returned were as shown below :

	Number due.	Number actually returned.
1. Representatives from 68 Taluks including Sub-Taluks.	163	161
2. Representatives from 61 Municipalities	72	67
3. Representatives from 8 District Boards and the Kolar Gold Field Sanitary Board	18	18
4. Representatives from 25 Associations	23	20
5. Representatives from additional bodies representing special interests	4	4

The difference between columns 2 and 3 is due to (1) two vacancies owing to the death of a member in each of the Taluks of Maddagiri and Jagalur and (2) the Municipalities of Gundlupet, Hunsur, Mandya, Periyapatna and Chikmagalur and the Commercial Association, Bangalore, the Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association and the Eurasian and Anglo-Indian Association of Bangalore not deputing a member each.

The privilege of deputing a member to the Representative Assembly was given to the Indian Christian Association in July 1920, and the Adi Dravida Abhivriddhi Sangham in August 1920.

Of the 270 members actually returned to the Assembly as above,

4 were Europeans,
15 were Mahomedans,
250 were Hindus,
and 1 was an Indian Christian,

Arranged according to occupations :—

61 were Merchants,
10 were Sahukars or Bankers,
45 were Village Officers, Patels and Shanbhogs.
114 were Landholders,
26 were Lawyers,
and 14 were persons who followed other professions.

4. The attendance of members at the Meetings of the Assembly was good, 234 having been present out of 272 actually returned or 86 per cent.

5. The Hon'ble Mr. W. P. Barton, I.C.S., C.I.E., British Resident in Mysore, the European guests of His Highness the Maharaja and a large body of retired officers and leading citizens of Mysore were present on the opening day of the Assembly. The Members of the State Council, the Chief Judge, the Heads of various Departments, Deputy Commissioners and other principal officers of the State were also present.

6. The proceedings commenced at 12 noon when the Dewan delivered his Annual Address to the Assembly in English and copies of its rendering in Kannada were distributed among the members of the Assembly.

7. Addresses from the following institutions and bodies were read and presented to the Dewan by the gentlemen named against each :—

1. The Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, by Mr. H. M. A. Cooke.
2. The Arya Vaisya Maha Sabha, by Mr. K. Subbaraya Chetty, B.A., LL.B.
3. The Vokkaligara Sangha, by Mr. B. N. Vijaya Deva, M.A., Bar-at-law.
4. The Central Mahommedan Association, by Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan.
5. The Anjuman-e-Mahdavia Dariatul-Islm of Channapatna, by Mr. Syed Abdul Basheed.
6. The Malnad Members, by Mr. Hoskoppa Krishna Rao.
7. The Adi Dravida Abhivriddhi Sangham, by Mr. P. Murugesam Pillai.

These addresses with the Dewan's reply thereto are printed in Appendix A.

8. The representations made by the members of the Assembly were discussed at the sittings held from 26th to 31st October 1920, both days inclusive.

A summary of the discussions and the replies of Government will be found at the beginning of this volume.

Subjects not discussed owing to the absence of the proposers or for other causes have been separately arranged and printed. (*Vide* Part II of the Summary of discussion.)

9. Eighteen questions were received from members as interpellations and printed copies of the same with the replies were distributed to the members in the Assembly on the 27th October 1920. These interpellations with the replies are printed as Appendix B.

10. On the 28th October 1920, the election of six members to the Mysore Economic Development Board was conducted and the following gentlemen secured the largest number of votes :—

1. Mr. H. Krishna Sastry.
2. ,, Mahomed Abbas Khan.
3. ,, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B.
4. ,, M. Subbaiya, B.A.
5. ,, Purushottama Anandagiri Gosai.
6. ,, G. Paramasiviah, B.A., LL.B.

11. At the close of the discussions on the 31st October 1920, the Dewan made a few remarks summarising the proceedings of the meeting. These remarks are printed in Appendix F.

12. Mr. B. N. Vijaya Deva, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, then thanked the President and his colleagues, on behalf of the members, for the patience with which the proceedings were conducted, expressed the gratitude of the members to His Highness the Maharaja for allowing them to express their views freely in Assemblies of this kind and requested the President to convey to His Highness the Maharaja their expression of loyalty and devotion to the Throne and person of His Highness.

13. The Session closed with cheers to His Highness the Maharaja, proposed by Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, which were heartily responded to by the whole Assembly standing.

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